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Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Is Now in Its Handsome Quarters.

GREAT PROGRESS SHOWN

Flattering Reports of What City Has Accomplished in Past Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., May 18.—The remodeled and enlarged apartments of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association were thrown open to-day and the first meeting since the improvements were made was held. The report of the secretary, Colonel F. A. Olds, showed remarkable progress along commercial and industrial lines for Raleigh. The movement now on, with assured success, for the erection of a \$125,000 municipal and auditorium building and a thoroughly modern market building, together with the prospect for a big modern hotel on the site of the old municipal building, came in for special exploitation.

Wholesale and retail mercantile business came in for showing of volume and growth that was most gratifying to the members of the chamber, and the manufacturing activities were shown to be extensive, varied and growing rapidly.

George Mahon, of Lynchburg, and John L. Deane and Mrs. Rebecca Deane are the stockholders in the Deane Shoe Company, of Charlotte, just chartered with \$25,000 capital authorized and \$10,000 subscribed, for wholesale and retail shoe business. Other charters are to the Winchester-Salem Automobile Company, capital, \$2,300 subscribed, and \$25,000 authorized, J. H. Hamlin, principal incorporator; and the Hillsboro Commercial Club, capital \$5,000, for promoting the commercial prosperity of Hillsboro, incorporators, G. M. Gattis and others.

Crops Damaged.
 Reports coming in to the State Department of Agriculture just now indicate that the crops throughout the State have deteriorated considerably during the past week or two on account of excessive rains and unseasonably cool weather. The setback is especially noticeable in the condition of cotton and corn. Reports indicate that the wheat and other small grain crops are developing very promisingly in spite of the weather conditions.

Commissioner Graham says, however, that if the temperature rises and excessive rains are stayed within a week or two the yield will not be materially affected by the present conditions. It is understood that the counter-proposition by the State Board of Education for the sale of the Angola Bay 47,000-acre tract of State swamp lands in Pender and Duplin counties has been accepted by the John A. Stewart syndicate, of New York, which will purchase it and undertake to drain and make it as farmland. The government estimate of the cost of draining these lands is \$475,000. The State board will receive a specified amount per acre and retain an interest in the timber in the event it is made marketable.

The special work of cattle tick extermination is being pushed now by co-operation of the State and United States experts in Wake, Stanly, Montgomery, Randolph and Chatham counties. The special agents from the United States Department of Agriculture are engaged in this work.

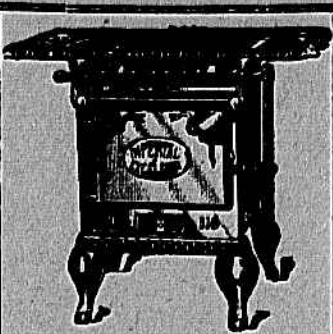
AMERICANS MEET

Richmond Loses to Lynchburg for Next Convention.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ROANOKE, Va., May 18.—The annual meeting of the Virginia Branch of the United Order of Americans was held in this city to-day. Mayor Joel H. Cutchin welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city and Robert W. Campbell, D. D., on behalf of the local council.

Lynchburg and Richmond were candidates for the next place of meeting and the Hill City won.

The following officers were elected: State Councilor, H. B. Bott, Berkeley; Vice-Councilor, E. A. Clement, Salem; Secretary, James H. Mansfield, Alexandria; Treasurer, J. T. Trimyer, Alexandria; Conductor, H. G. Sauls, Fairfax; Warden, R. D. Bacchus, Landon.



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ber's Point; Chaplain, C. M. Money, Vienna; Inside Sentinel, J. L. Bushong, Manassas; Outside Sentinel, O. C. Virta, Waterford; Trustees, J. T. Cox, Norfolk; G. W. Laycock, Hamilton, and E. L. S. Bouton, Vienna.

MANN AT FARMVILLE

Candidate Is Heard by Many Interested Voters.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
FARMVILLE, Va., May 18.—Judge William Hodges Mann addressed a large audience here to-night in the courthouse. He spoke for nearly two hours, during which no reference was made to his opponent, Mr. Tucker.

Judge Mann arrived here this afternoon, the purpose of his visit being to present the portrait of the late Governor McKinney to the county of Prince Edward. Some of his supporters insisted that he address the townspeople to-night, and despite the short notice the courthouse was filled with listeners.

UNLESS HE'S CZAR BYRD'S NO GOOD

That Is What "Uncle Joe" Tells Speaker of the Virginia House.

WILL STAY IN GAME

He'll Be in Politics Till Death, Then "Burial at Public Expense."

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, Va., May 18.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and a party of Congressmen arrived in Winchester to-day in a large touring car, and after spending a day at Natural Bridge will return to Winchester to-morrow evening and be entertained. Other members of the party were Congressmen W. W. Willey, New York; J. W. Dwight, New York; E. N. Roberts, Massachusetts; H. C. Loudenslager, New Jersey. They were entertained at luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Carter. They visited many points of historical interest in and about Winchester.

"I guess I'll stay in the game till I die," said Mr. Cannon when asked if he had any intention of retiring from politics. "My constituency is very kind to me, and as long as they continue to want me I'll be on the job. I can't bear the idea of giving up and loafing around while the other fellows are at work having fun. I'll stay until I die and then be buried at public expense."

Among those who called to pay their respects was Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd, to whom "Uncle Joe" said: "You are the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates. Are you a czar? If you are not you are no good."

"I have no idea when we will get through with the tariff bill," said the Speaker. The House passed the bill in the week end, but the Senate—Ah! there's the rub. Bailey wants a vote on the bill, but with Dooliver and others shooting around there's no telling what will happen."

POURED OIL ON FIRE.

Colored Cook Meets Death and Kitchen Is Wrecked.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
GREENSBORO, N. C., May 18.—The kitchen and rear of the residence of H. B. Tatum, in the downtown district, was wrecked this morning by an explosion of kerosene oil, and the cook, a colored woman, Nellie Graves, was burned to death. By prompt work of the fire company the residence was saved.

At 11 o'clock, Mrs. Tatum, an invalid, was startled by a terrible explosion in the rear of the house, followed a moment later by the appearance of her screaming cook, a mass of flames, rushing through the passage. With enough presence of mind to help the human torch, Mrs. Tatum wrapped rugs about the burning woman, whose cries attracted immediate help from people on the street. The woman died in an hour.

Investigation in the kitchen showed plainly that the cook had tried to start the fire in the coal range by using oil, and the remnants of tin found in the kitchen showed that she had poured the oil from a five-gallon tank.

BUILDS HIS SARCOPHAGUS.

Virginia Undertaker Will Have Costly Final Resting Place.

NORFOLK, Va., May 18.—Although in the best of health, Elijah L. Cox and his wife are preparing for death and are directing the manner in which they shall be interred. Cox is wealthy. There is being installed for Cox, in Magnolia Cemetery, a sarcophagus of granite, which weighs 45,000 pounds. J. D. Cooper, who designed the Smith Monument, unveiled last week at Jamestown Island, the sarcophagus, and says there is only another like it in the world, and that is in Scotland. The vault is being hewn from solid rock and will be sealed with a massive piece of stone.

The body part of the vault, wherein will lie the bodies of Cox and his wife, weighs 100 pounds. It is a long, six feet wide and three feet deep, and can be divided into separate chambers. The lid is a single piece of granite, seven feet long and two feet thick. Cox is an undertaker himself and says the idea of the strange vault came to him several years ago. He discusses the plan for his burial in a nonchalant manner.

WOMAN WAS MURDERED.

Her Husband in Jail, Suspected of the Crime.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
STUART, Va., May 18.—The dead body of a woman, whose name has not been given, was found here last Wednesday. She was buried the following day, and before the authorities here had learned of the peculiar incidents and the mystery surrounding her death.

The body was unearthed this week and a post-mortem examination by Drs. Dickerson and Brancome was made. Inquest was ordered and the coroner's jury decided that the woman was the victim of foul play.

The post-mortem examination showed a clot of blood on the brain, and the neck broken, unmistakable evidence of murder. The husband has been arrested and is now in jail here. Public sentiment is very strong against him, but there is no danger of violence. Haden protests that he is innocent, and is arranging to go to England to defend him. The family is very poor.

Fortune for Engineer.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CAPE CHARLES, May 18.—I don't believe I'll fire my gun out to-day," spoke Clayton T. Kimball, a fireman on the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railway, addressing the foreman of engineers at Delmar. The cause of his sudden burst of independence was because an engine had died in Price, Md., and left him \$20,000 in cash and land possessions in Prince Anne county. Kimball told the foreman of his new fortune, saying that he would live a life of ease on one of his farms for a while. "I may try my hand at firing engines in a time later. If chances run against me, but at the present time, the sound of \$20,000 makes me feel lazy," he said.

Contract in Let.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SALISBURY, N. C., May 18.—The contract for the erection of Salisbury Federal building, authorized by a recent act of Congress, was let this week to George W. Ashley & Co., of Baltimore, at \$104,110. The building was submitted to the government officials for the erection of the structure. It is said work will begin at once, and the building is to be ready for occupancy by December 1, 1910. It is stated that the appropriation for the building will be increased to \$117,000.

Rain Badly Needed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., May 18.—A drought of three weeks' duration is upon this section. Vegetation of all kinds is suffering keenly and the early gardens are drying up. From roads and fields clouds of dust are seen to rise when people travel or work, and unless rain comes in a short time the most serious results will follow.



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LITTLE INTEREST IN NORFOLK FIGHT

League Headquarters Very Dull and the "Wets" Are Confident.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., May 18.—So far as any open activity is concerned by either side, except that the Anti-Saloon League is sending out literature through the mails, the proposed local election in Norfolk is creating little attention—less than the State election—and there never was a duller one in Virginia, so far as this city is concerned. The members of the faction known here as the "ring," which is now the administration, and which will unquestionably espouse the cause of a "wet" city in the proposed election, declare they have an overwhelming majority of the registered voters, and that there is not even a chance for the Anti-Saloon League to make a close showing should the election be called.

Feld Secretary McAllister, who is in Petersburg, has not been in the city for a number of days, and things are dull about the league headquarters. Now that the registration of voters has closed for the year, it is expected that the league will make an early announcement as to when the petition calling for a local option election will be presented to the court in order to secure the naming of a date. There are those who declare that the Anti-Saloon League will not ask for the naming of an election until after the city or State primary. They claim that they can win the election can be kept from complications by other elections.

NEGROES HIDDEN IN FAIRFAX HOME

They Assault Visitor When Discovered and Badly Injure Him.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
ALEXANDRIA, Va., May 18.—Guy Quisenberry, about twenty-five years old, of Lexington, who is visiting at the home of A. J. Donovan, at the Rich-ardson farm, Fairfax county, about three miles south of this city, was attacked by two negroes in the Donovan home at 1 o'clock this morning, and after a fierce fight he was knocked in the head by one of the men who a blackjack or a piece of heavy timber. He fell down the stairs and was rendered unconscious. It is believed that he will recover.

A few minutes previous to the attack Quisenberry was in his room preparing to retire, when he heard a voice in the hallway saying: "We will get them now." Just prior to this two young women, also guests at the Donovan home, left their bed-chamber. Knowing that no one else was in that part of the house at the time, he supposed some one was about to attack the young women, and he at once left his room.

As he did so he observed that the light in the room of the young women had been turned down very low, and he also saw the form of the two men who were crouching in the darkness in the hallway. Without another word he struck at one of the men, knocking him to the floor. As he did so the other man struck him with the instrument, felling him to the floor. The young women gave an alarm, and the two negroes fled. It is believed that it was the in-

tention of the negroes to attack the two young women.

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4 Gallons of Whiskey and jug, . . . 6.60	4 Gallons of Whiskey and jug, . . . 8.60
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